

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 5, 9, 15, 27, 31 and 33, cancel claims 22-26 and 28 without disclaimer or prejudice, and add new claims 32-37 as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing access to a service for a user in a communication system, comprising:

using a specific record, associated with said user, at a node in the communication system, containing information which, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing access to said service.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:

transferring said information from ~~the~~ an authentication, authorization and accounting home server (AAA-H) to the serving node in the signalling path for the service setup and/or service event and/or registration.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:

deciding based on said information that the authentication and/or authorization needs be verified.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:

performing the authentication and/or authorization.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising:
performing the authentication and/or authorization by using ~~the~~ an authentication,
authorization and accounting home server(AAA-H).

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising:
performing the authentication and/or authorization in the node if the required
parameters are available.

7. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a user of user equipment with
access to a service from a service provider node in a wireless communication system,
comprising:

using a user specific record indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines
that a user characteristic is to be verified prior with a home network to providing access
to said service; and

providing access to said service responsive to said user specific record.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
determining if said condition is satisfied; and
providing access to said service without verifying said user characteristic if said
condition is not satisfied.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
determining if said condition is satisfied;
verifying said user characteristic if said condition is satisfied; and
subsequent to said ~~step of verifying~~ of the user characteristic providing access to
said service if said user characteristic indicates the user is permitted access to said
service.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
determining if said condition is satisfied when a call session between said user and
said service provider node is initiated.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
determining from the user specific record associated with said user if said
condition exists during a call session between said user equipment and said service
provider node.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said
wireless communication system comprises a serving network in which said user
equipment is located, and said home network, said method further comprising:

indicating, via said user specific record, when access to said service is permitted without determining, from data stored at a node in said home network, if access is permitted.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said wireless communication system comprises a serving network in which said user equipment is located, and said home network, said method further comprising:

storing said user specific record at a node of said serving network.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
generating a register message at said user equipment and transmitting said register message to a local server node of said communication system;

determining if a condition indicated by said user specific record stored at said local server node is satisfied;

generating an access message at said local server node indicating that access to said service is permitted; and

transmitting said access message to said service provider node.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14 further comprising:

prior to said storing said user specific record, generating a request message at said local server node and transmitting said request message to ~~the~~ a home authentication, authorization and accounting (AAA) server of the user; and

transferring data comprising said user specific record from said home AAA server to said local server node responsive to said request message.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
generating an invite message at said user equipment and transmitting said invite message to a local server node of said communication system;

determining if a condition indicated by said user specific record stored at said local server node is satisfied;

generating an access message at said local server node indicating that access to said service is permitted; and

transmitting said access message to said service provider node.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said user characteristic comprises whether said user is authorised to access said service.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said user characteristic comprises whether said user is authenticated to access said service.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said condition determines the frequency at which said user is to be authorised and/or authenticated during a call session between said user equipment and said service provider node.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein using a specific record comprises storing a user specific record.

21. (Previously Presented) A server node of a communication system, said server node comprising:

means for receiving a message from a user equipment;

means for using a user specific record, associated with said user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing a user with access to a service; and

means for generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user of the user equipment with access to a service from a service provider node.

22-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A Mmobile user equipment comprising:

means for using a user specific record associated with a user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service; and

means for generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user with access to the service from a service provider node.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) A method for providing access to a service for a user in a communication system, comprising:

storing an authorization and authentication profile, associated with said user, at a serving node in a serving network;

using said authorization and authentication profile at said serving node in the communication system;

wherein said authorization and authentication profile contains information indicating a condition which if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing access to said service.

30. (Previously Presented) A server node of a communication system, said server node comprising:

an interface for receiving a message from said user equipment;

said server node configured to:

use a user specific record, associated with said user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to said a service; and

generate, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user of user equipment with access to the service from a service provider node.

31. (Currently Amended) A Mmobile user equipment, comprising:

a processor and

a control means- unit , wherein the control unit is configured to,;

use a user specific record associated with said user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to said a service; and

generate, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user with access to the service from a service provider node.

32. (New) The server node as claimed in claim 30, further comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit said access message to a service provider node.

33. (New) The server node as claimed in claim 30, further comprising:

a receiver configured to receive data comprising said user specific record transmitted from a home authentication, authorization and accounting (AAA) server node.

34. (New) The server node as claimed in claim 30, comprising a serving or proxy-call session control function node.

35. (New) The server node as claimed in claim 30, wherein said user specific record comprises a first data field identifying said user and a second data field determining when authentication and/or authorisation of said user is required in order to access said service.

36. (New) The server node as claimed in claim 30, wherein said server node further comprises a storage unit configured to store a user specific record.

37. (New) The mobile user equipment as claimed in claim 31, wherein said control unit further comprises a storage unit configured to store a user specific record.